



Executive Directive 7 (2005)

GOVERNOR'S ECONOMIC AND WORKFORCE INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PPEA PROPOSALS

Importance of the Issue

Public-private partnerships are an important part of governing responsibly in the 21st Century. Chapter 22.1 of Title 56, Code of Virginia, establishes the Public-Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act – 2002 (PPEA). This act provides an innovative approach for financing public facilities. The act also sets forth criteria that public entities shall apply in the development and execution of a PPEA Comprehensive Agreement.

Existing Criteria

The Commonwealth of Virginia has adopted criteria and procedures for all state agencies and institutions to comply with the provisions of PPEA that can be found on the Secretary of Administration web-site:

www.administration.virginia.gov/Services/Vendors/PPEIA.cfm

These procedures include PPEA proposal preparation and submission requirements that private entities must comply with to enable a state agency or institution to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of a PPEA proposal. Only proposals complying with the preparation and submission requirements and that contain sufficient information for a meaningful evaluation will be considered by a state agency or institution. Current requirements include that a submitted PPEA proposal contain projected economic impact information at the state and local level, and identify expected workforce benefits and opportunities. Such economic and workforce information is essential to enable a state agency or institution to conduct a careful review of the economic and workforce impacts to be anticipated from an approved PPEA project.

Preparation and Evaluation of Project Proposals

To ensure consistency in the economic and workforce information being evaluated by state agencies and institutions across the Commonwealth, I hereby direct that state agencies and institutions shall require solicited and unsolicited PPEA proposals at the detailed stage to include the following:

- Anticipated number of jobs created by the proposed project, approximate wage rates that will be paid and projected length of employment of the newly created jobs
- Approximate number of job training opportunities to be created by the proposed project, particularly training opportunities in apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor or State Apprenticeship Council
- Worker safety programs, including substance abuse, safety training and incident-avoidance programs
- Plans proposed to ensure that jobs created by the project will be filled by trained, qualified personnel
- The extent to which identified job opportunities will be made available and/or filled by residents of the Commonwealth
- The extent to which the project will utilize contractors and subcontractors who will generate tax revenue for the Commonwealth

The Governor's Office will not approve a Comprehensive Agreement pursuant to the PPEA, unless the foregoing have been thoroughly considered and evaluated as part of the PPEA evaluation and selection process.

Monitoring and Reporting Responsibilities of Cabinet Secretaries and State Agencies and Institutions

Each PPEA Comprehensive Agreement shall include specific reporting requirements. On a regular basis, but not less than semi-annually, the responsible state agency or institution will deliver a Comprehensive Agreement economic and workforce report to its Cabinet Secretary and the Governor's Chief of Staff. The report shall include, where applicable:

- Number of construction man-hours created by the project
- Number of jobs created by the project, range of wage rates paid by identified jobs and average length of employment of such jobs

- Number of job training opportunities created by the project, including training opportunities in apprenticeship programs registered with the U.S. Department of Labor or State Apprenticeship Council
- Number and type of safety programs provided by identified jobs, including substance abuse, safety training and incident-avoidance programs
- Actions taken to ensure that identified jobs created by the project are filled by trained, qualified personnel
- Job opportunities made available to and filled by residents of the Commonwealth
- Number of contractors and subcontractors hired and who will generate tax revenue for the Commonwealth

Information provided pursuant to these reporting requirements shall be available to the public upon request.

The requirements set forth above shall apply to all private entities requesting approval of a qualifying project after the effective date of this Executive Directive. No approval will be granted by a responsible public entity without agreement from the requesting private entity to implement this Directive.

Effective Date of the Executive Directive

This Executive Directive shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive directive.

Given under my hand this 15th day of July 2005.

Mark R. Warner, Governor